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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to a non-final Office Action dated April 19, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The deadline for responding to the Action is July 19, 2006 and therefore, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.